

250th Celebration/ Community Participation committee meeting
Minutes
September 12, 2023
2pm, Hunt Rec Center Conference Room

In attendance: Holly Cratsley (Chairperson) Polly Meyer, Maynard Forbes, Molly Eberle, Nancy McJennett, Joe Zellner, Mardi Hutchinson, Radha Jalan

Holly called the meeting to order at 2:05pm

The June 7, 2023 Minutes were approved

(August Meeting not an official meeting, not a quorum)

Tree Project

Holly said Julie has funding options (including private donations). CPC being approached for ½ the money. There is a plan for landscape architects to be involved with the placement of trees and tree variety.

Holly suggested the idea of funding solar panels at CMS.

September 27th: Public forum for the Permanent Memorial Concord250

The spot behind Vanderhoof will involve getting rid of parking lot. Idea is to make a trail that will go over Bridge @ Millbrook.

Historic Homes

Faye Allen met with Holly @ houses that were here in 1775. Historical commission & CPC submitting grant for historians to research and create recordings.

Signs digitally made for each house that will be on a stand that goes in ground in front of each house. Labeled as "Witness House" or "Revolution House"

Basket of flowers (pansies with 250 logo visible) that would be out the week before until week after Patriots Day.

Scouts

Mayard said David Owen is the contact - and discussed patches for all scouts (involving Lexington, Bedford, Lincoln, Concord). Needs to be on a district level.

Mardi said she can check in with Girls Scouts about involvement for a badge.

Holly reported Acton has an active 250 group and is starting a speaker series this month.

Quilting Show Sept/Oct 2024

Discussed different locations - Trinity, Armory, Scout House, 51 Walden but issues with some such as bad lighting.

Harvey Wheeler may be a good venue. Molly will research that as an option.
Idea that colonial patterns displayed on 3x3 quilts and/ or another show could display large quilts

Theme to tie in 250

Athletic events

Holly submitted budgets for activities.

Discussed pinnies / pins for events. TJ from the rec center said pinnies with logo on back run @ \$12/ each. Can we get pinnies <\$8?

Discussed possibility of athletes trading pins. Need to add events that include female athletes
Polly will contact youth sports leagues about possible battle road athletic events.

Laurie Hunter and Aaron Joncas will get back to Polly about possibility of any other games vs. battle road towns on athletic calendar (other than football, baseball and hockey)

Battle Road Hockey tournament - Holly said Andi planned to sell swag December 2023 & 2024.

Multicultural Festival

Jeanine Calabria would like to join this subcommittee (Radha, Joe, Mardi Polly)

Subcommittee will meet separately to discuss.

Holly asked Rick to include it in budget.

Concord Rec has a number of tents that can be used.

Essay Contest

Je met with Bob Nasson (Editor, Concord Review) and they are in support of working with us.

Discussed 1,000 words or less? Or 750 or less? Decided 1,000 words or less

WHO can submit: 9th -12 grade Concord students or students in Concord

5 winners

Concord Review will publish winners' essays in a separate publication / sell the booklet starting April 2024.

Holly asked for the cost of publishing.

Who chooses winners / the judges?

Process needs to come to an agreement and solicitation process.

Could teachers do 1st cut? (Teachers do first pass then goes to committee of judges)

Joe has talked to English teachers about it being an assignment @ CCHS

Will Camezza will solicit other schools (MX, CA, Minuteman Tech, Parker)

Need to promote fact that winners will be published in Concord Review

This is "Varsity Academics"

Joe envisions Fall / October goes out - announce @ end of October with close of March 1st.

249th - Winners announced and goes to publish

Molly will deliver to CA & MX English dept.

TOPIC

Why will Concord matter

Concord has a history of birthplace of revolution, social political catalyst, has been ahead of curve historically. How do you envision Concord 50 years from now - still be ahead of the curve?

Pick one event in Concord history / past - how will the impact of that be felt 50 years from now?

OTHER

Nancy will contact COA. Could there be small performances with historical themes?

Briefly discussed the idea of a regatta (CC King involved?) or OARS (Gerry Frankel) / Riverfest.

Court will reach out to OARS.

Court will find out who to contact for cycling.

Bob White / Trails @ Concord

Court proposed need for calendars - two: a draft (for committees to use) and a final for public view.

Next meeting: October 3rd, 2pm, Hunt Rec Center conference room. Holly will not be in attendance.

Adjourned 3:55pm.

Submitted by Polly Meyer